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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. STEVENS].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, the source of our highest joy, remind us that only in Your will can we find true peace and happiness. Change our hearts so that our actions will glorify Your name. Lord, bring us from behind our barricades of selfishness and teach us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. As Senators labor today, fill them with Your spirit so that they will seek to know and do the right thing. Save them from disunity and from decisions made solely in the name of politics. Give wisdom to their advisers, and throughout each day may each of us find moments to seek You in prayer. We pray this in Your strong name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning, the Senate will conduct a period for morning business to allow Senators to speak. Following morning business, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the Interior appropriations bill. Under the order from last night, there will be 10

additional minutes for debate in relation to Senator DASCHLE's amendment on Indian health care. Therefore, the first vote of today's session will occur at approximately 10:45 a.m. Following that vote, we hope to be in a position to schedule additional votes on some of the other pending amendments.

We will recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party luncheons to meet, and it is our hope to have additional votes prior to that recess.

We do expect to finish the appropriations bill today or this evening, if necessary. Once completed, we will continue with other appropriations bills, possibly the DC appropriations legislation.

I also remind Members once again that we will be scheduling votes on available judicial nominations and others throughout the week.

Over the course of the last 24 hours, people have been recovering in the region from the natural disaster we had last week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them, of course. There are many people, including many people in this body, who do not have electricity or are having water problems. We had rain last night, so we have continued problems. We will continue to work together to get people back to normal lives, but our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Lastly, as I mentioned yesterday, this week is a very busy week in addressing the request for \$87 billion to further the war against terrorism, and our goal is to have a good debate, good exchange of information, asking the tough questions. That started yesterday afternoon with some fantastic hearings chaired by the President pro tempore, who is in the Chair now, that went into last evening. Hearings will be held by a number of other committees over the course of this week, both in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Next week, I hope to be able to address the request on the floor of the

Senate. I would like to aim for having that request completed by the end of next week and before we go out for the following week.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The assistant minority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there are a number of amendments pending—the Bingaman amendment and another Daschle amendment. Unless something can be worked out with the managers, I am sure we can dispose of those by votes prior to the recess. Also, I say to the leader, that with respect to the contracting-out amendment, which will take a little more debate, we will be ready to vote around 3 o'clock on that amendment. At least the way amendments are now stacked, that is the most contentious amendment that has been filed.

I also say in the presence of the majority leader, and for Senators on our side and on the other side, the two managers are waiting for amendments. If there are amendments to be offered, they should do that as quickly as possible. Progress has been made more rapidly than I thought on this bill. With a little bit of good fortune, we can complete this bill fairly early this evening.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I will close. I know people will be coming over to speak in morning business. We have an hour.

### PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today President Bush will be addressing the United Nations, and he is asking those who champion freedom to pull together and support the reconstruction of Iraq. He will make a powerful case because freedom is a powerful force. Freedom is a beacon to people all over this land—

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